

Weekly News and Notes



Mission: *Serving the loving Christ by serving and loving others.*

Vision: *Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church is a place where all are welcome. Our ministry helps others see Jesus through Christ-centered worship, education, ministry, and outreach.*

Sunday, April 28, 2024

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From the Pastor

What does it mean to be a branch on the vine? Well first, what is a branch? A branch is the part of the vine that holds the fruit. As the branch blossoms and the fruit

develops, we can see what is happening. The downfall, we cannot tell if the fruit is bad or good.

You have probably tasted bad fruit. It's the kind of fruit that you bite into, and spit it right back out, due to its sour, bitter, or nasty taste. Either way, you don't want it, and it goes into the trash.

When we think of the branch, it is connected to the vine, it receives its life from the vine, and as stated last week, if it is not producing fruit, then it is pruned or removed. We are branches. We draw our life from God, who is the vine, and we need that connection for forgiveness, life, and salvation. Yet, what happens when we produce bad fruit?

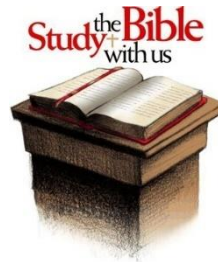
The Bible speaks of this kind of fruit. It tells us to avoid things like drunkenness, sexual immorality, lying, cheating, stealing, hatred, envy, and much more. Branches producing bad fruit should be removed; Right? Yet, if that were the case, then how many of us would be removed? We are just as guilty of bearing bad fruit at times!

Hmm. Maybe that hurts a little too much, or maybe we go through life denying the truth that we are guilty of bad fruit at times. However, change is possible, growth can happen, but how?

Change starts with repentance! When we realize that we are producing bad fruit, we need to seek God's forgiveness, allow Him to prune us, and then trust in His skills to bring forth growth. It continues as we share the goodness of Christ with others, and work together to further His kingdom. Through devotions, church, prayer, and daily time spent with God, we truly learn how to produce that excellent fruit, grow in and with God, and share the love of Christ. Let's allow God to work, and create in us, some excellent fruit!!

Christ is Risen!

Blessings, Pastor Chad



Luke, a physician, traveled with the apostle Paul on his missionary journeys, sharing the message of Jesus. Luke carefully investigated the events in the life of Jesus and talked with eyewitnesses before he began his gospel. His record emphasizes that Jesus is the Savior of all people and was written for Christians who want to know more about Jesus.

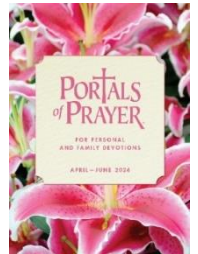
Bible Study every Wednesday morning at 10:00. Please join us as we start the book of Luke.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Today we will continue our look at the book of Romans. Please join us in the Sanctuary at 9:30 to continue the discussion.

Portals of Prayer

Yes, we are nearing the end of April, but don't forget to pick up your Portals of Prayer for April through June, in the narthex – by the mailboxes. These are great devotions to help guide you through a time of meditation with God.



One Blood



The bloodmobile is here today, April 28th from 8:30 am until 1:00 pm. Please consider making this valuable donation to ensure an adequate blood supply is available in every situation. As a thank you, One

Blood is providing donors with a \$20 eGift Card, an insulated tote bag, and a wellness checkup.



RaiseRight.

If you placed an order with RaiseRight, the gift cards are expected to be here by May 1st. Our current order raised \$65.82 for our school.



This Week's Calendar

Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:30 am – One Blood

8:30 am- Traditional Service

9:30 am – Sunday School

9:30 am – Bible Study

10:30 am – Contemporary Service

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

10:00am - Bible Study – Luke

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday, May 5, 2024

8:30 am- Traditional Service

9:30 am – Sunday School

9:30 am – Bible Study

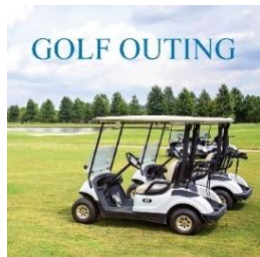
10:30 am – Contemporary Service

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

10:00am - Bible Study – Luke

Saturday, May 11, 2024

10:00 am – LWML meeting



Fore the Kids – 2024 Golf Outing

Monday, November 4th has been reserved as the date for this year's Golf Outing. We are looking for volunteers, golfers, and support for this event. One

huge way to support is by asking local businesses or restaurants if they would be willing to donate items, merchandise, gift cards, etc., or maybe they would be willing to sponsor a part of the event. We have letters and information to help them consider the opportunity. If you have any questions, need a copy of the letter, or desire to participate the day of the event, then please speak with Cliff Higley or Debbie Lorenz after church or call or text Cliff at 773-230-4322, or Debbie at 954-647-9586.



April 28, 2024

Ushers: 8:30 am-Jo Beadle, Carolyn Atchison, Jeanne Larson, Colleen Beaudoin

10:30 am-Jo Bellhorn

Sunday School: Christina McGuire

Lector: 8:30 am -Carol Irving

10:30 am-Andrea Canora

Counters: Bill & Angel Bailey

Altar Guild: Diana Nickel

Security: Mark McGuire

Those Serving Next Week

May 5, 2024

Ushers: 8:30 am-Gary Dupont, Eldon Devore

10:30 am-Jo Bellhorn

Sunday School: Faith Grambow

Lector: 8:30 am -Randy Laser

10:30 am- Gayle Hansen

Counters: Karen Schmohe

Altar Guild: Irma Quiroz

Security: Mark McGuire



Have you ever asked, "what can I do?"

Take on the role of being a prayer warrior. Paul tells us to pray unceasing, and we need faithful people fulfilling this type of call to prayer.

Can you pray? Can you help?

Be a Prayer Warrior!

Altar Flowers

Remember a loved one with flowers on the altar



by marking the calendar with your name on the chosen date. Each arrangement is \$20. Complete an envelope with your name and place payment in the offering plate

(to the right of the chart) **This week's Altar flowers are given by LWML to the glory of God.**



Mailboxes

The mailbox numbers now include groups like Lydia's, Elders, Altar Guild, LWML et cetra. Please feel free to leave a note for someone you haven't seen in a while or to correspond with a group or an

individual. If we missed your name, or your group, please leave a note in the box for Admin.

Please join us for coffee and snacks every Sunday after the 8:30am Service.

Yummy Donations are welcome for our Sunday Coffee Fellowship.

See Irma or call her @ 954 776 6869.





THRIFT STORE
Open Monday – Friday
10 am to 2 pm
Thank you for your donations!

Long-Range Planning



The Long-Range Planning committee met on April 15th. The group will meet monthly to develop guidelines for the mission and vision of Shepherd of the Coast as we look to the future and seek God's guidance. If interested in being part of this group, please contact Pastor at 954-772-8010 ext. 222, or 313-378-5833 or via email at: pastor@shepherdofthecoast.org;

LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

A good gift plan can present solutions to challenging family dynamics. Years ago, a husband and wife were meeting with their LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor. Both had been married before, as their spouses had been called home to Jesus. Each of them brought children into the relationship. The assets they brought were not equal. Urged by the advice of various people, they began considering a way in which they could isolate their assets from each other, creating multiple trusts. Complicating matters, because they truly loved each other, they wanted to provide for each other when the first of them was called home. They felt uncomfortable about such absolute separation of their assets if they truly were going to share their lives as "one flesh", in keeping with the Genesis 1 model of marriage.

They laid out a complicated stream of thoughts before the LCMS Gift Planning Counselor. After a lengthy conversation, the gift planning counselor noticed an interesting phenomenon about their assets relative to family. Coming into this marriage, one spouse had twice as many financial assets as the other. That same spouse with the greater assets also had twice as many children as the other spouse. The ratio made sense. If they combined their assets and equally divided them among all their children, each child would receive the same amount as if they had put in place a complicated legal set of trusts to separate their assets.

The Gift Planning Counselor conveyed a message to their attorney, and they emerged from that attorney with a simple plan that made them feel content. The plan they created together also allowed them to make some gifts to support the ministry in the future. In addition, this plan did not foster an imposed separation between their children.

Taking the time for extended conversation and prayer allowed this couple to discern the right thing to do, rather than pursuing plans that would be expensive, complicated, and less than satisfying. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor is available to meet with you in the same way.

Tony Hunt 260-222-1291 or tony.hunt@lfnf.org



In Our Prayers

- ❖ Robert Irving - cancer
- ❖ Robert Pierre - Leukemia
- ❖ Pastor Drummond - battling melanoma that has spread.
 - ❖ Noah Curiel - personal safety
- ❖ Grandfather of Mike Solley - Health Concerns
- ❖ Addison Czischke - niece of Pastor Chad and Jen, health concerns
 - ❖ Evelyn Gayhart - health following heart attack and 4 stints
 - ❖ Pastor Volz - health concerns
- ❖ Sherry Khan, Winston and Ruth Jaipershad - autoimmune disease
 - ❖ Jenna Teachman, age 10 - cancer
- ❖ Our Country - principled leaders to govern.
- ❖ Shepherd of the Coast - that we may reach those who need Christ
 - ❖ Our school, and all schools, so that the education of our children will be blessed
 - ❖ Daniel Strickland - health/well-being
 - ❖ The troops around the world, for their continued safety
 - ❖ Congregations waiting for a Pastor
 - ❖ Those struggling with homelessness
 - ❖ Those struggling with mental illness
 - ❖ Jeff Farnella - Loneliness
 - ❖ Lorry Huza-Health Concerns
 - ❖ Sam Irving - serious health issues
 - ❖ Jay Mindlin-Serious health issues
 - ❖ Ted Welfelt-Serious Health Concern
 - ❖ Mark Williams-Brain Cancer
 - ❖ Joe Jimison- Continued Good Health
 - ❖ Our homebound members:
 - Marion Bement -Carolyn Griesse
 - Vera Crusco - Wanda Guy
 - Sue Dalena -Joan Saunders
 - Ruth Galinat -Barb Scott
 - Joyce Garing



The LWML will begin collecting items for the Troops starting May 12th through June 12th and we welcome your help. Please bring your items to the collection box at church before June 12th.

Personal Care Items:

- Over the counter medications (Tylenol, Advil, acetaminophen, ibuprofen, Aleve, Tylenol PM Nyquil/Dayquil gelcaps, Excedrin, ZzzQuil gelcaps, etc)
- Chap-stick, blistex
- Non-medicated eye drops
- Lens cleaners
- Foot powder
- Disposable razors 3-blade or more (for men and women)
- Shaving Cream
- Deodorant
- Body Soap/body wash, shampoo, Conditioner
- Nail clippers
- Dude wipes or similar (avoid baby wipes)

Food/Snacks:

- Pringles (all flavors)
- Chex Mix
- Pretzels
- Salsa & Canned Dips (not refrigerated)
- Popcorn
- Microwavable soup, Ramen noodles
- Pre-packaged cookies, cupcakes, etc.
- Trail Mix
- Beef Jerky

Hot Beverages (individual packages):

- Flavored Instant Coffee & Teas (herbal)
- Powered Coffee or Gourmet Ground Coffee
- Instant Hot Cocoa Mix
- Spice Apple Cider Mix
- Instant Oatmeal (fun flavors)

